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October 3, 1977

Ms. Elaine McReynolds
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Dear Ms. McReynolds:

On behalf of the University of Tennessee Black faculty and staff, I wish to thank you for participating in our Retreat and for your excellent presentation on "A Board Member's Perspective of the Plight of Black Faculty and Staff."

You would be interested to know that at the conclusion of the Retreat, we established a mechanism to assist the University of Tennessee administration in carrying out its commitment to affirmative action. We decided to have three representatives from each of the five campuses to serve on this mechanism. I think you would also be interested to know that I was unanimously chosen as the Chairperson.

I am sure that we will need your advice and assistance from time to time. However, we realize that you are extremely busy; therefore, we will be reasonable about approaching you.

Again, on behalf of the Black faculty and staff at the University of Tennessee, I wish to thank you for helping to make our first Retreat a success.

Sincerely,

Betty J. Cleckley, Ph.D.
Assistant Dean and
Chairperson
The Commission for Blacks

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